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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re: Thied et al Serial No.: 10/049,779 Confirmation No.: 6112 Group Art Unit: 1742

Filed: June 26, 2002

Examiner: Wesley A. Nicolas

For: PROCESS FOR SEPARATING METALS

Date: February 25, 2004

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT and PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in the above-identified patent application. Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR §1.27. No additional fee is required. The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Respectfully submitted,

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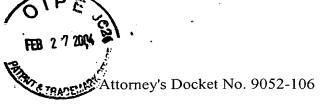
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants provide the present response to address the issues raised in the Official Action of November 20, 2003 (the "Action") and pursuant to the rules stated in revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121 that became effective on July 30, 2003.